



Chhattisgarh's First Digital Planetarium

Why in News?

According to the sources, **Chhattisgarh's first digital planetarium** being established in the insurgency-affected **Dantewada district**, with support from the Government of India.

Key Points

- The initiative has been taken by the **district administration of Dantewada** with the help of the **Ministry of Culture and National Council of Science Museums (NCSM)**.
 - The plan to establish a digital planetarium in Karli, Dantewada, will soon begin under the **Ministry of Culture's Science and Culture Promotion Scheme, 2021**.
 - The district administration requested support for the planetarium, and the proposal for full **financial assistance under Category III (population less than 5 lakh) has been approved**.
- The initiative encompasses various elements such as **educational advancement, scientific consciousness, cultural and societal progress**, as well as engaging **audiovisual experiments**.
- A **budget of Rs 7.95 crore has been approved** for the construction of the planetarium.
 - Nestled amidst dense forests, this digital planetarium will be a **major tourism initiative**.
 - It will play a vital role in shaping the future of local children, **inspiring future generations to pursue careers in space science**.

National Council of Science Museums (NCSM)

- **In 1978, the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) was established** as a **central coordinating agency** for national science museums.
- It is an autonomous Science & Technology institution **under the Ministry of Culture jointly with the Department of Science & Technology (DST)**.
- NCSM is the **world's largest network of science centres** and museums that functions under a single administrative umbrella.